

WYCOMBE STILL IN GRAND FORM

Sports Mail Special Report

PLAYING their third tough game within eight days and facing their second F.A. Cup replay against Bedford next Monday, Wycombe Wanderers showed excellent form in their Isthmian League game against Bromley, whom they defeated 3—0.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Beck, Roystone; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Busby, Horseman, Merrick. Sub: Sherborne.

Bromley: Bonner; Bridge, Woolward; Howe, Gaston, Luckhurst; McDermott, Angel, Nottage, Agar, McGill. Sub: Carnaby.

Referee: J Robinson (London).

There was certainly no staleness about Wycombe's early play and some slick combined attacks soon had the Bromley goal in danger.

The Wanderers took the lead six minutes after the start when a free kick from left-back PETER ROYSTONE almost on the touch line jumped out of goalkeeper Bonner's grasp and rolled over the line.

Wycombe continued to dictate the play and centre forward Busby, deputising for Paul Bates, who is down with a cough, went only inches wide.

Mid-way through the half, however, Wycombe suffered a blow when Worley was carried off with a knee injury and subsequently Bromley claimed more of the play.

Worley returned a few minutes later after attention and in renewed Wycombe attacks Horsman twice went near.

Then Merrick forged through

on his own and when his shot was blocked Worley slipped the ball across to BUSBY who increased Wycombe's lead after 35 minutes.

Wycombe continued to press, with the forwards showing sparkling combinations and the defence keeping the Bromley counter-attacks well in check.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 2, Bromley 0.

Inside-right Angel almost scored for Bromley in a series of determined raids early in the second half. But Wycombe were soon back on the attack and goalkeeper Bonner saved an accurate header from Horseman. Samuels shot wide when well placed.

Merrick was particularly active on the left wing for the Wanderers and Bonner only just managed to hold one of his powerful shots on the run.

But it was right-winger WORLEY who increased Wycombe's lead in the 62nd minute, chasing away on his own with a pass from Busby and beating Bonner with a tremendous shot at the second attempt.

RESULT:
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BROMLEY 0

Wanderers warm up

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS, facing a tough Cup battle on Monday, touched top form to defeat Bromley in convincing style in this Isthmian League match. Even without centre forward Paul Bates, who had a cold, the Wycombe forwards proved too smart for the Bromley defence.

The Wycombe wingers, Worley and Merrick, gave their inside men much more of the ball and play was mostly in the Bromley area, with Bonner making smart saves from Samuels, Horsman, and Busby.

The issue never looked in doubt after Royston had given his team the lead from a free kick in the sixth minute. Busby gave Wycombe a 2—0 interval lead.

Bromley showed signs of improvement in the second half, but marksmanship was erratic, and Worley clinched matters after a great solo run by beating Bonner with a superb shot at his second attempt.

Bates is expected to be fit for Monday's F.A. Cup replay clash with Bedford.